

REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The office action and prior art relied upon have been carefully considered.

Applicant notes the indicated allowability of claims 1-5 with appreciation. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grunenfelder (U.S. Pat. 5,399,253) in view of Franks (GB 2241710), Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Pat. 5,439,574) and Yagi (Japan 04-371575).

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 6 has been cancelled, thus rendering this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21994-00067-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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